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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

12. (Amended) The recombinant DNA molecule according to claim 8 wherein said DNA coding sequence encodes [both] the *iaaM* protein from *P. syringae* subsp. *savastanoi* or an homologous thereof and the *tms2* protein from *A. tumefaciens* or an homologous thereof [coding regions of claim 10 and 11,] respectively.

14. (Amended) Genetically engineered bacteria comprising the recombinant DNA molecule according to [claims from 6 to 13] claim 6.

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